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1. In 1944, a hoof and mouth disease (yashchur) infected many cattle in Slout N 51-45, E 33-48 and throughout most of Glukhov Rayon. A considerable number of cattle died from this disease, which was characterized by sores in the mouth and lips of the cattle as well as on their hoofs. The disease's spread was checked after a few months, but I do not know what steps were taken. It did not occur again. [REDACTED]
2. During the years 1944-1946, many horses died from an epidemic of mange (chesotka), symptoms of which were the appearance of sores over the bodies of the horses and a loss of hair. I heard that this disease had also spread throughout Glukhov Rayon. Two veterinaries were sent to Slout in 1945 to check the disease. I heard that they spread a substance referred to as "tol" 1. over the bodies of the horses. All their attempts to stop the disease were unsuccessful, and they were finally arrested as "enemies of the people" for having failed. Other veterinaries came, but they were likewise unable to check the disease. Finally, in 1946, the disease disappeared, and there was no recurrence of it up to the time I left.
3. In 1946, there was an epidemic of anemia (anemiya) among the horses in Glukhov Rayon which killed a large number of them. The horses which were affected foamed at the mouth and seemed to go out of their minds, throwing themselves against the walls of their stalls. Usually young horses, two or three years old, were the ones affected. The epidemic apparently ran its course, and disappeared in 1947; I never heard of it again as long as I remained on the kolkhoz.

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4. I never heard of any livestock disease again until November or December of 1952. At that time I received a letter from a friend who was working on our kolkhoz. He wrote that many of the cattle in Glukhov Rayon had been stricken with some disease, but he did not mention the disease by name or tell me any of its symptoms. He commented that the entire rayon had been quarantined, so that no cattle were permitted to enter or leave.

1. Comment. Probably creosote is meant.

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